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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters and members of the House Revenue Committee,

I am an Oregon voter. I want to urge you to support HB 4125 to modernize the Kicker. Please vote to move it forward!

The Revenue Forecast Modernization Act (HB 4125) is a solid government measure to create more accurate revenue predictions and thus a more stable state budget. We need increased resources and more revenue in order to fulfill basic and foundational social promises of quality public education, access to housing and food security, and social services and medical care. It will take *more* than passing HB 4125 to generate the necessary revenue, but it is a step in the right direction.

I will be paying close attention to the elected officials who support HB 4125 for election season. I will not look favorably on officials who do not support this step in the right direction.

Taxpayers don't count on the kicker, they've already paid the kicker, and the kicker is not a meaningful or predictable addition to their incomes.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE SO SCREWED BEYOND SCREWED. KIDS, EDUCATORS, AND FAMILIES ARE SUFFERING IMMENSELY AS A RESULT. WE ALREADY CUT A PSYCHOTIC AMOUNT OF STAFFING AND SUPPORT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND CURRENT PROJECTIONS ARE LOOKING LIKE WE WILL HAVE TO CUT MORE IN SOME SCHOOLS, WE ALREADY HAVE 36 FIFTH GRADERS PER CLASS. WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO CUT MORE

Huge cuts to social services — people's incomes have not meaningfully increased (or increased at all, in many cases), but austerity measures mean that people are being kicked off EBT, OHP Medicaid, and housing vouchers due to federal cuts and state shortfalls. We need revenue BAD.

It's NEGLIGENT not to develop other revenue streams with all of the federal cuts. In a time of huge federal cuts, we need state revenue for: healthcare, education, housing, disability services, climate mitigation, infrastructure, transportation - including buses, walking, and bikes.